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<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	P686 CON2 (1737.1540002/TUM/JKM)
<i>First Inventor</i>	Eric P. BERG
<i>Title</i>	Medical Device for Delivering a Therapeutic Substance and Method Therefor
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS*See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.***ADDRESS TO:**

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Descriptive title of the Invention
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 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed*)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all necessary*)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (*when there is an assignee*)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)
18. Other: The name of the Assignee is: Medtronic Vascular, Inc.

18. If a CONTINUATING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
Prior application information: Examiner Jeremy Thissell of prior application No: 09/769,423
 Art Unit: 3763

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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In re application of:

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Appl. No. *To Be Assigned* (Rule 53(b)
Continuation of U.S. Application No.
09/769,423)

Filed: *Herewith (December 5, 2003)*

For: **Medical Device for Delivering a
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Inventors: BERG *et al.*
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Sir:

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3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form;
5. Rule 53(b) Continuation U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Medical Device for Delivering a Therapeutic Substance and Method Therefor

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the application consisting of:

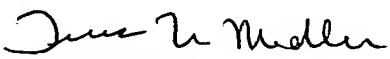
- a. Application Data Sheet;
 - b. A copy of the Declaration executed by Eric P. BERG and Thomas Q. DINH on June 17, 1997 (2 pages) as filed in the parent Application No. 09/769,423, and as originally filed in 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority U.S. Appl. No. 08/877,532;
 - c. A specification containing 20 total pages:
 - i. 13 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (39 claims); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and
 - d. 4 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, and 5b); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
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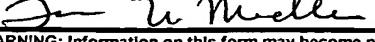
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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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